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| In re Application of: Roger C. Cottrell, et al. |) | Examiner: Frantz F. Jules |
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| Serial No.: 10/796,665 |) | Group Art Unit: 3617 |
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| Filed: 03/08/2004 |) | Our Deposit Account No: 04-1403 |
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| Confirmation No.: 3149 |) | Our Customer No: 34043 |
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| For: Pneumatic Tire and Wheel Allowing |) | |
| Unassisted Manual Mounting of the Tire |) | |
| and Wheel |) | |

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and in response to the Office Action of August 25, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, based on the amendments and remarks set forth herein. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the present response includes the following sections.

- **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2, of this paper;
- **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT** are reflected on page 3 of this paper;
- **A REPLACEMENT FIG. 3** is attached to this paper, and
- **REMARKS** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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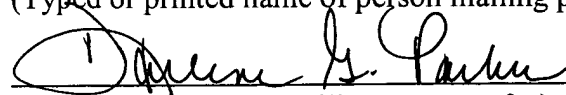
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